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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/394358 filed March 21, 2003, by Bishop et al. for "A PANT-LIKE DISPOSABLE GARMENT FOR ABSORBING HUMAN DISCHARGE."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/394360 filed March 21, 2003, by Wagner et al. for "A ROTARY DIE CUTTER FOR FORMING A NON-LINEAR LINE OF PERFORATIONS IN A STRIP OF MATERIAL."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/394361 filed March 21, 2003, by Wagner et al. for "A METHOD OF FORMING A DISPOSABLE, REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE."

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